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SUBJ: DEFERRAL OF KOREA ITEM AT 31ST UNGA

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1. SINCE REFTEL ARRIVED JUST AFTER AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 7, POLCOUNS TOOK UP MATTER OF DEFERRAL OF KOREAN ITEM WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TREATIES BUREAU DIRECTOR CHUNG U-YONG. ALL POINTS PARAS 1 THROUGH 3 WERE CONVEYED. WHILE INDICATING CONTINUING ANXIOUSNESS TO MOVE QUICKLY ON DEFERRAL, CHONG SAID HE UNDERSTOOD DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND WOULD WITHHOLD ANY FURTHER ACTION UNTIL RESULTS SEPTEMBER 8 CORE GROUP MEETING COULD BE ASSESSED.

2. CHONG WENT ON TO RE-EMPHASIZE EXTRAORDINARILY FAVORABLE COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE THIS YEAR AND GREAT OPPORTUNITY THIS AFFORDED US. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT FRANCE IN PARTICULAR SEEMED VERY WILLING TO HELP--MORE EVEN THAN LAST YEAR. FRENCH HAD CONVEYED THIS DURING JULY VISIT TO SEOUL OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER AND HAD JUST RECONFIRMED DESIRE TO BE COOPERATIVE TO ROKG AMBASSADOR IN PARIS. CHONG FELT SURE THAT ONCE A SPECIFIC SUGGESTION WERE MADE TO THE FRENCH, THEY WOULD HELP.

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